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<u>GRANTS AVAILABLE</u> FOR REDUCING HOMELESSNESS

ROCKFORD – The City of Rockford Human Services Dept. is requesting proposals from nonprofit and local government organizations within Winnebago and Boone Counties for projects that provide housing and/or supportive services to homeless populations

Funding will come from U.S Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's 2011 Continuum of Care funds through the McKinney-Vento Act. HUD is making available approximately \$1.63 billion in Fiscal Year 2011 for programs that reduce the incidence of homelessness Last year, over \$1.5 million dollars was awarded to agencies in Winnebago and Boone counties that assist homeless individuals and families to move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Completed proposals must be submitted to the City of Rockford by 5:00pm, Monday, October 3. For more information or to request an application, contact mary.runestad@rockfordil.gov. General information on HUD's Continuum of Care grant program is available at HUD's website http://www.hudhre.info.